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To All LAG Manual Holders and CA Agencies

On November 30, 2005, the FY 2006 Transportation Appropriations Bill amended a section of the Federal law as it relates to the "Brooks Act" requirements. These are the procedures utilized for the selection of consultants providing architectural and engineering services (A&E).

Therefore, effective immediately, the use of Item number 1 (Written Responses Only to the Request for Qualifications) outlined in Section 31.13 of the Local Agency Guidelines (LAG), under the section entitled "A&E Consultant Evaluation and Selection Process", will no longer be available to utilize.

Based on this, the agencies will have to advertise, short list, and either perform face-to-face or telephone interviews with a minimum of three applicants to meet the A&E selection requirements. (If, the agency receives less than three responses to their advertisement, the agency is required to interview all of the respondents.)

If you have any questions regarding this direction, please contact David Mounts at (360) 705-7379.

Sincerely,

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